



## *United States Attorney Southern District of New York*

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### PRESS ADVISORY AND CONFERENCE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY MICHAEL J. GARCIA WILL HOLD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 12 P.M. TODAY (OCTOBER 6, 2005) WITH MARK J. MERSHON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FBI, TO ANNOUNCE A 27-COUNT INDICTMENT CHARGING THREE MEN IN A MASSIVE OIL SCHEME TO BRIBE HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AZERBAIJAN, A FORMER SOVIET REPUBLIC. TWO OF THE THREE SURRENDERED TO THE FBI IN NEW YORK AND THE THIRD WAS ARRESTED OUTSIDE THE U.S. THE PENALTIES UPON CONVICTION RANGE FROM A MAXIMUM OF 5 YEARS ON EACH COUNT FOR VIOLATING THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT TO 20 YEARS FOR MONEY LAUNDERING, AND FINES.

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2005  
TIME: 12 P.M.  
PLACE: U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
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